













### THE CONDUCTOR.

**PIPER PAN.**

According to present ideas it seems as if Mr. Newman's Musical Festival at Queen's Hall in May will be principally a festival of conductors. No engagements are settled yet, but the names of several foreign and British conductors of eminence besides Mr. Wood, are mentioned. We have not had many Continental conductors in London for a few years, so that Mr. Newman's scheme will be welcomed. Of course, the concerts will be orchestral.

Mr. W. H. Beckett (V.P.) genial occupied the chair on Monday last, the delegate meeting of the Angles Association, held at the Cripplegate Institute, Golden-lane, Barbican, E.C.1, and 46 clubs were represented. An address of condolence with the King, had been the case at the Central Association meeting, was feelingly adopted, and ordered to be sent to Majesty. The association was stated to have a good balance in hand, and

The Indian lizard, spoken of in newspapers in question as the "grigitig" is, I should say, one of the lizard species known to us as monitors, and possibly its supposed possession of venom is due to its having a forked tongue like snakes, which is, as a

facial play, gestures, or what amuse the public, and then go repeating these gestures, inflections and so forth, ad libitum. One can wonder at or blame him, after all.

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**YESTERDAY'S SPORTING.**  
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followed by Blue, Still, Flat, Horse, Johnson  
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the fast young runner Shrubbs passing  
the other runners in the last 100 yards  
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**CLUB PLACINGS**  
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ley H., 5, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27—151; 4, South Lincs  
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**Federation of Working Men's Clubs.**—Of  
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day with the following result: G. S. Sherrington, scratch, time 19min. 13sec.; I. W. Wilkins, 19min. 30sec. start, handicap time 19min. 16sec. net time 20min. 45sec.; S. W. J. Ayling, 18min. 45sec., 19min. 45sec.; R. A. B. Jones, 18min. 45sec., 19min. 45sec.; L. Lane, 19min. 45sec., 20min. 45sec.; C. H. Macleod, 4; R. Ricketta, 19min. 30sec., 20min. 30sec.; E. J. Smith, 20min. 30sec.; A. M. North, 20min. 30sec., 20min. 30sec.; G. Lindsey was Novices' prize.

**BILLIARDS.**

F. BATEMAN v. C. HARVEYSON.

These players, who have been engaged during the past week on their tour of three months at £100 up each, in the American Handicap Tournament, promoted by Messrs. Burroughs and Watts, brought off a brilliant victory over Mr. Harveyson

from the 600 mark, but so well did it man play that he easily won the first games, the margin in his favour in the first victory the scores being 100 to 50. On Friday, when the heat under notice occurred, he again did well, and when ceased had practically assured himself of the third victory, the scores being 100 to 50 in his favour. In the penultimate stage, Bateman's play was poor despite his best runs being 25, 37, 38, and 29, but his Bateman's bowled him out for 112, 56, 112, 56, 112, 56 (unfinished), rescued his points with some force.—F. Bateman (receives 630), in 120 min. 2,491; H. Hammond (receives 600), in 120 min. 2,491; J. C. Beck (receives 500), in 120 min. 2,491; W. E. Reese (receives 500), in 120 min. 2,491. Scores: Bateman, 3,670; Hammond, 3,670.

Socialists' Hall, Oldham, during the  
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**Kilham** (2nd) beat **Dartford** (2nd) by 9 to 3.  
**Norwood** drew with **Ilvanhoe Wanderers** goalless all.  
**Krith** (2nd) beat **Norwood** (2nd) by 3 to 1.

**LACROSSE.**  
**Woodford** beat **Ley's School** by 16 goals to 3.  
**Clapham** beat **Woodford Reserves** by 7 to 3.

**CHESS.**  
**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY V. CITY OF LONDON.**  
 The latter body sent a mixed team to Cambridge to play the University of Cambridge, and lost by 7½ to 14.

**AMERICAN MARKETS.**  
 (BROTHER'S TELEGRAMS.)

advance. Flour unchanged. Corn but 1 to 1/2 c. dearer. Lard quiet, 5 points up. Coffee steady at 5 to 15 c. Cotton 4 to 9 points up for plantations, and 1 to 2 points new crop. Potatoes and sugar steady. Tin Iron dull. Copper steady. At Chicago Wheat closed steady at 1/2 c. higher all grades. Corn 1/2 c. dearer. Provisions: Lard 5 points up. Pork 10 to 12 1/2 c. dearer. Ribs 5 points up. Bacon 5 c. Hogs 5 points higher.

New York, Feb. 21.—The New York Exchange has been closed to-day.







## THE WAR. DE WET GOING NORTH.

### GEN. PLUMER IN CLOSE PURSUIT.

### LORD METHUEN'S OPERATIONS.

### SEVERE FIGHTING.

### CAPTURE OF A LAAGER AND 40 PRISONERS TAKEN.

Cape Town, Feb. 22.—Lord Methuen captured a laager at Brakpan on the 14th inst., together with 40 wagons and carts, a large quantity of cattle and sheep, and 40 prisoners.

Lord Methuen arrived at Klerksdorp on the 20th inst., having cleared the country. He was opposed by 1,400 Boers, under Gen. de Villiers and Liebenberg.

They were holding a strong position at Haartbeestfontein, from which they were driven after severe fighting. The British casualties were three officers killed and five wounded; 13 men killed and 29 wounded.

The Boers left 18 dead behind, and suffered severely.—Reuter.

(Klerksdorp, whence Lord Kitchener dispatches his messages, is a railway terminus a few miles from Orange River, and about 100 miles south-west of Johannesburg as the crow flies. Haartbeestfontein, the scene of Lord Methuen's battle, is about 30 miles north-west of Klerksdorp.)

Cape Town, Feb. 22.—Gen. Plumer has compelled De Wet to turn north, and is in close pursuit.

Hertog is also going northward towards the Orange River.

No fighting has taken place. It appears as though the enemy were endeavouring to return to the Orange Colony.—Reuter.

Lord Kitchener to the War Office, Pretoria, Feb. 18.—De Wet is reported still moving north, and to be now west of Hopetown. He will probably double back, south-west. Troops are prepared for this.

Hopetown is only about 15 miles west of Orange River.

Klerksdorp (210 p.m.), Feb. 21.—Lord Methuen's force marched in here, having cleared the country through Wolmaranstad.

At Haartbeestfontein he was opposed by a considerable force of 1,400 Boers under Gen. de Villiers and Liebenberg.

The Boers held a strong position, but were turned out after fighting in which the 10th Yeomanry, Victorian Bushmen, and the Royal North Lancashire Regiment distinguished themselves.

Our casualties were three officers killed, five officers wounded, 13 men killed, 29 wounded.

The Boers left 18 dead on the ground, and suffered severely.

### BOERS IN DESPERATE STRAITS.

Pretoria, Feb. 20.—Fully 500 Boers passed Pienars River yesterday, moving in the direction of Nylstroom for the purpose, it is supposed, of dislodging the Boers from the fighting commands and surrender to the British. The Boers were in a deplorable state; their clothing was reduced to rags. Many were riding donkeys, some were on foot, and all appeared to be in very great distress.—Central News.

### RAIDERS REPULSED NEAR STEYNENBURG.

Two small parties, which were sent out from Steynenburg on Saturday, were (says Reuter) captured five miles out from the town. Their horses were taken and the men released. A force which was sent out later drove the Boers from their position. We had one man wounded. Most of the young men in the Zuurberg have joined the commandos. They are armed with all sorts of rifles.

### BOER BARBARITY CONFIRMED.

Cape Town, Feb. 19.—The Government has received a report from the Cape Colony that a Boer named Bismuth was killed by a Boer named Bismuth, who acted under orders.

### BOER TRAP FOR KITCHENER.

Train blown up. Another seizure in Cape Colony.

A daring attempt was made by the Boers to capture Lord Kitchener and his staff on their return from De Aar to Pretoria. They blew up the Commandant-in-Chief's baggage train near Klerksdorp, the driver being scalded to death. Ultimately an armoured train arrived, and the bodyguard drove the enemy off. The invaders in Cape Colony have also detailed a train from Naauport, near Taisbosch.

They took possession of the train and treated the bodyguard with cold-blooded cruelty, number of natives who were in the trucks. They ordered them into a ballast hole, and fired a volley at them, killing some and wounding others.

### EXCITING INCIDENT.

Pretoria, Feb. 19.—Lord Kitchener returned to Pretoria yesterday from De Aar, a company of Leicesters forming his escort from the South. The Staff narrowly escaped disaster on the journey. Lord Kitchener's train was preceded in the run north by a pilot engine, and a short distance in front of the pilot engine was a good train conveying the baggage of the Staff and some of the servants. Early on Monday morning, when close to the Klip River, Lord Kitchener's valet sighted a number of Boers, evidently in waiting for them.

An alarm was instantly raised, and the Boers, seeing by the commotion that their presence was discovered, fired a shot, which was evidently the signal to rush the train.

The driver put on steam, but a dynamite charge on the metals defeated his gallant effort.

The goods-engines and four of the trucks were blown off the line, the engine becoming a wreck. The driver was terribly scalded by the escaping steam, and has since died from his injuries.

The pilot-engine speedily made the driver of Lord Kitchener's train aware of the disaster, and immediately an armoured train, coming up rapidly,

from Elandsfontein, opened fire, and quickly drove the enemy off. The Boers did not appear much booty, but subsequent investigations showed that they had formed a most elaborate plan for securing the last and the distinguished travellers.

They had a number of Cape carts and wagons hidden in a danga in readiness to carry off the baggage, and these were seen galloping away as our fellows came upon the scene.

Klip River Station is about 15 miles south of Johannesburg.

### KITCHENER'S MESSAGE.

Lord Kitchener to the War Office, Pretoria, Feb. 18.—A train was detailed between Vereeniging and Johannesburg this morning. The Boers were driven off before they could get much out of the train. Our casualties: One man killed, and one slightly wounded.

### THE TRANSVAAL.

FRENCH'S PURSUIT OF BOTHA. According to the "Standard," correspondent, who telegraphs on Tuesday, no news has been received from Gen. French, who is leading the pursuit of Louis Botha since the 18th. The weather has been too dull to permit of the helicopter being used for the purpose of signalling. It is believed that small numbers of Boers have succeeded in breaking through Gen. French's lines, and getting round his flanks, principally on the right. The main body, consisting of 4,000 men, with many women and children, a huge convoy of wagons, and several guns, are still in front of Gen. French, who is pushing them hard. The concerted movement of the Boers towards the Orange River, prove highly successful, though the great extent of country to be covered, and the comparatively small number of the British force, make it extremely difficult to bring the operations to a point at which the surrender of Botha, with his men, guns, and transport, would be inevitable. The Boers on Tuesday (says the Mail) captured a train at Elandsfontein, carried off the provisions aboard, and then burned the train.

### BURGHERS DESERTING.

Standerton, Feb. 18.—The enemy's forces appear to be making for Zolander. Gen. French has thrown out flanking forces. Many of the burghers have broken back to the Komati Valley, and in addition to these virtual desertions there are constant surrenders.—Central News.

Pretoria, Feb. 18.—The mounted regiment recently formed by the Marquis of Tullibardine, and known as the Scottish Horse, has a brush with the enemy to the south of Johannesburg early this morning. There were no serious casualties. The Marquis's horse was killed, and the Marquis himself was slightly wounded. The regiment is now well protected. Word has been received here that a Boer commando 600 strong passed over the railway line of Oliphantsfontein yesterday. The garrison of Irene report that the scouts of another commando came to the town early on the morning of the 18th, and they were followed by the main body, which moved off in the direction of Zwartkop.

### A BOER PROCLAMATION.

Cape Town, Feb. 21.—Last week a proclamation signed by Steyn and De Wet, and dated Jan. 16, was found upon a Boer prisoner. It denied that the war is at an end, and charges the British soldiers with ruthlessly destroying property, and robbing the Boers. It denounces the raid into Cape Colony for the purpose of making reprisals so far as the property of unfriendly colonists is concerned, and appeals to the civilised world to assist in putting an end to the barbarous methods of the enemy of the two Republics.—Reuter.

### PEACE PROSPECTS.

It is rumoured among the Boers at Pretoria (says the "Morning Post" correspondent) that Mr. Kruger is about to return in order to arrange for the termination of the war.

### MR. WOLMARAN'S VIEWS.

A Danish journalist, states the "Post," has had an interview with Mr. Wolmaran, a Boer delegate, who is now in London. He is said to have advised Mr. Kruger to take steps for concluding peace, said:—"The rumour is a fabrication. Our chances of obtaining complete independence have never been better than they are at present. Public opinion in Great Britain is against the Boers, and in favour of Sir E. Clarke's peace proposals are unacceptable. We can agree to no compromise. We can only accept independence, and the war will last until we have gained it."

### "HOSTILITIES FUTILE."

Reports have been received at Pretoria (says Reuter) from Lydenburg that Mr. Schalk Burger, the Acting President of the Transvaal Boers, addressing a gathering of burghers recently to the effect that the Boers recognized that their cause was quite hopeless, and that prolongation of hostilities was futile. Personally he would not take it upon himself to counsel surrender, but if surrender was inevitable it was folly to do so in two and three. The Boers should come to a formal agreement, and to surrender as a nation.

### WELCOME HOME DECLINED.

Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter has telegraphed to his friends in West Kilbride, Ayrshire, declining the public welcome prepared for him. The telegram is in the following terms:—"It is only right that I should decline to receive any form of demonstration of a public nature, as so many of my best friends have been killed. The war is not over. The nation is plunged into grief for their great losses. These furnish more than sufficient reasons. My health, I am thankful to say, is now almost all that can be desired. Please tell my friends and well-wishers that I am profoundly grateful for their offer to dine with me, and that I gratefully accept the will for the dead."

### "A PACK OF LIES."

From Mr. J. Brown, the well-known Quaker, of Gloucester, we have received a leaflet which refers to an article on the "Crimes" of the English Army in South Africa, which appeared in the Pretoria district and part of the Boer houses, and he characterises the statements which have been made as "a pack of lies."

"Nowhere, and in no instance," he adds, "have I heard of any such crimes against the troops. . . . The women could not say enough in praise of the soldiers and their behaviour towards their sex. . . . Women, rich or poor, have everywhere been treated as ladies. Why the Boer women were unamiable in their praises is because they were far from expecting such treatment at the hands of the victors. Paul Kruger himself has shown how much he trusted his victors by leaving his old wife in their hands. . . . Lastly, M. Constantine claims that 'many may have sympathies with the Boers, but in all justice they will always give credit to the British. . . . The officers for the humane way this war is carried on, and for the splendid way in which Tommy Atkins behaved himself.'"

### NOT OUR CASE.

Rev. J. Gray, Presbyterian minister of Pretoria, in a very much the same strain. "Having lived in Pretoria for the last 11 years," he writes, "I am acquainted with many of the local Boers. Those of them whom I questioned, assured me that they had never known a case in which British soldiers had outraged a woman. One case was mentioned, but had never been substantiated, and was regarded as very doubtful. Let it be granted that some solitary cases of rudeness may have occurred; that would not be surprising under the circumstances. Still, it would not furnish a ground for the libelling of a whole army. The astonishing fact is, however, that in this country only the Boers are charged with the crime of outrage. The British soldier has been so self-restrained and deferential towards women."

### A RELATED DESPATCH.

Gen. Buller's accidentally delayed despatch, giving an account of the operations of the Boer line of defence by way of Vaal Krantz at the beginning of February last year, was published in Friday's "Gazette." The operations, it will be remembered, cost us two officers killed and 18 wounded, and 25 men killed and 233 wounded.

Gen. Buller incidentally mentions that the Boer force included several armed men, and that the Boers had taken a gun and a gun position in an ambulance lying the Geneva flag.

### A GALLANT M.P.

Now Sir Robert B. Lytchett, M.P., who is serving with the Imperial Yeomanry in S. Africa, was recently instrumental, by his bravery, in saving the lives of two troopers belonging to the Dorset contingent, halting from the neighbourhood of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, after a long and arduous ride back and round the man, who had lost their horses under a continuous fusillade from the Boers.

### ONE OF THE M.P.'S.

One of the M.P.'s, Mr. W. M. Cresswell, of the M.P. Co., Imperial Yeomanry, writing home from Helitfontein, near Pretoria, thus refers to the incident:—"When we commenced to retire, the bullets were falling on us like a storm of rain. Having lost our horses, we ran for over three miles. I will not describe the ride, but it was a very arduous one. The other side we had to wade with the water round our waists. When our captain (Sir E. Lee) heard we had been left behind, he bravely, in the face of a heavy fire, came back with his orderly, who ordered us to mount their horses, which he did, and we were able to get on our feet. The four of us then rode on the two horses at full gallop for over five miles, the enemy maintaining their fire nearly all the way. One bullet struck the saddle of the rider in front of me."

### BULLER AND ARTILLERY TRAINING.

Gen. Sir Buller's published on Friday in the Aldershot District Orders the following communication from the Secretary of State for War to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—"The subject dealt with in your memorandum dated the 6th inst., you will be good enough to cancel that portion which relates to artillery in the memorandum in question. The memorandum referred to contained the general observations on points of order, and the African expedition, and was intended to show our system of training might be improved, and the portion now cancelled was as follows:—"The artillery drill seemed excellent, and the main object of drill—perfect steadiness under fire—was fully attained, but too much of the drill was devoted to the firing of single guns. 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In London, 2,650 births and 1,718 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 58 and the deaths 163 below the average.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes further rose last week to 19.3.

The 1,719 deaths included 88 from measles, 30 from diphtheria, 49 from whooping-cough, 11 from enteric fever, and 16 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Different forms of violence caused 70 deaths. Of these 11 were suicides and 10 were homicides, while the remainder 54 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London, 3,902 births and 2,338 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 39.0 and 28.0 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The weekly return in London and 26 other great towns states that the deaths registered last week corresponded to an annual rate of 19.3 per 1,000 of the aggregate population of the towns, which is estimated at 11,769,039 persons in the middle of this year.

Hospital cars can be hired on the Prussian railways.

Australian processes 30 millions of coal per annum.

Spirits are "proof" when they contain 37 per cent. of alcohol.

During the 19th century the Bible was translated into 250 languages.

The gold and silver plate at Windsor was valued some years ago at £1,600,000.

Over 415 million of soldiers in the armies of the seven largest Powers.

Great Britain's share is only 750,000,000.

Dutch cows average 50lb. of butter and 150lb. of cheese in a year, Canadian 200lb. of cheese, and Farnam 500lb.

Japan's postal service is the cheapest in the world. Letters travel for two pence—about seven-tenths of a penny.

Every inhabitant of London eats 173lb. of potatoes in a year. A Parisian consumes on an average but 46lb. per annum.

For each of the 16,000 fur-lined coats sent to China for the German troops there the skins of 14 cats were used.

While the English law provides for the organisation of labour bodies deprives them of the privileges incorporation.

The King has had no property in Scotland for some years. He once owned Glenmeisk, but gave it to his mother in 1855.

The average number of children an English family is 4.03, in France 2.03, in Italy 4.54. Ireland holds the record with 5.30.

Of the £175,000 Great Britain spends annually on her Diplomatic Service, £17,000 is spent in telegrams, and £1,000 in postage-stamps.

On the way home from America, the King's voyage, owing to storms, took 26 days, and the Royal party were reduced to 14.

In 1900 the population of London will require 420 million gallons of water a day. Only 30 millions a day can be taken from the Thames.

The Maltese lecturer for the evening year is the Rev. F. E. Tennyson of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Goat is rarely known among the working-classes of Ireland. Their inhumanity is thought to be due to the fact that their food consists largely of potatoes.

The sun's heat raises from the earth 57 million tons of water a minute. The same work artificially, a cubic mile of coal 200 miles deep, wide, and high would have to be burnt every second.

At a score, held at Exeter Hall in 1897, the Band of His Majesty's Household, was stated that there were 25,000 societies and a membership 3,500,000.

The King conferred the Cross of the Royal Victorian Order on Sir Parratt, organist of St. George's Chapel, and Lieut. Hickey, Supt. of the Royal Mews.

Peter Joseph Campbell Fraser was sentenced at Edinburgh to the treadmill for sending for beating of an infant child Catherine about the age of 10 as she died.

A Cinderella dance will take place to-morrow at the Town Hall, Lavender Hill. The "Rose of the Empiric" march and the "King's Quadrille" (first time) will be included in the programme.

In aid of the benevolent fund, Com "Rose," A.O.F., a concert was given this week at the Horsebox, Clerkenwell Close. A large audience fully appreciated an excellent programme, which Miss Pie, Baron and Messrs. Cragan, Kale, and Barley contributed.

The Orient Steam Navigation Co. has placed a contract with the Fairfield Shipbuilding Co. for a large two-screw mail and passenger steamer in the Australian trade. The vessel will be of the very highest class, and of greater size than the twin-screw steamer Omrah.

Some things are managed in Germany better than they are here. When a traveller in the Grand Duchy of Baden wants to send a telegram while he is in the train, he writes the message on a post-card, with the request that it be read, puts on a stamp, and drops it into a letter-box. When the next station the box is cleared and the message sent out.

The members of the Army Nursing Service serve in South Africa, and receiving better pay and allowances than they had expected—possibly because of their proved value.

The pay of a captain of the Royal Army superintendent are reckoned at £250 per annum, out of which £25 has to be paid for food and other necessities. The total remuneration of the ordinary nursing sister is £200.

William Allen, who is employed by the War Office, and who has just been awarded the Stanhope gold medal by the Royal Humane Society for the most gallant life-saving act out of over 600 cases considered during the year, Allen's feat was to enter a tar-stick 5 ft. wide and 8 ft. deep, in which two men had been trapped, and was finally trying to rescue a third. Seeing the apparent fate of the three men Allen got into the still and saved

wardens canal development in that kingdom.

Sluk takes dyes more readily than any other fabric.

In 1799 George III. reviewed 8,193 Volunteers in Hyde Park.

The world's largest paper money is cut at 900,000 millions.

The legal rate of interest in Canada has been reduced from 6 per cent. to 5.

An attempt is being made in Kansas to exterminate the prairie dog.

The Volunteer movement began in 1798.

Dokeys are being substituted for dogs at waste of drag in Berlin.

The Duke of Bedford attained his 63rd birthday this week.

A hundred years ago every advertisement in England was taxed 3s. 6d., and in Ireland 2s. 6d.

There is a close resemblance between the 16th century instruments of the Greeks and those of Turkey and Syria.

A demon statistician announces that £400,000 is annually spent in England on the purchase of human hair.

The Ganges is nearly 1,000 miles in length, and drains an area of 250,000 square miles.

Of 16 specimens of the ribbon fin, the rarest in British waters, were recorded last century.

The service of gold plate used at the Royal Banquet in St. George's Hall is worth £2,003,004.

From eating black pudding, Edward Banks, a signman, has died in great agony at Chorley.

The number of persons in receipt of famine relief in India is officially stated to be 211,000.

The English ship *Levisman*, which grounded off Cherbourg a week ago, has been floated and towed into dock.

It is said that there is a proposal to confer on Mr. Henry Chaplin a second class pension.

Instructions have been issued by the Home Office in reference to specious claims of Jewish prisoners.

George II. originated a custom which still prevails of having all dishes at the Royal table marked with the name of the cook.

The Swiss Government are shortly going to issue a new set of stamps ranging in value from two centimes to 10 francs.

At Romer-la-Glauciere, in Belgium, beggar was found dead from cold and starvation, while nearly £4,000 in gold was found hidden in his hoard.

The funeral of the late Major-General Hostock, formerly commandant of the Bedfordshire Regiment, took place at the residence of his son.

The anniversary collections at the Oxford-st. Chapel, Leeds, amounted to £793 14s. 5½., a gold watch-chain and seal, and a topset of false teeth.

Private Bailey, Royal Marines, was at Devonport sent to prison for six months and dismissed the service for misappropriation of mess money.

The Ancient Shore Tuesday custom of playing football in the streets of Dorking was sadly interfered with by the police. Several arrests were made.

It is officially notified that Prince Francis of Teck resumes the appointment of a staff captain, renouncing his claim to a peerage.

The "London Gazette" announces the appointment of the King of Iottung as Colonel-in-Chief of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry.

The steam trawler *Lord Roberts* has returned to Hull with a catch of fish the result of 24 hours' trawling, the haul 47½ tons.

The lecturers and honorary staff of the Dental Hospital of London have contributed a special donation of £1,000 towards the building of the new hospital in Leicester-sq.

The late rector of Broadwater, near Woking, was appointed in 1876 and the present incumbent in 1882.

Between them, therefore, they covered the nineteenth century.

Mary Ann Gravenor, 51, a weaver, Blackburn, died after eating a hearty meal. A dozen pieces of meat were found in her stomach varying in size from two inches to half an inch.

Benjamin Perriss, of Perriss-st., commemorated their golden wedding day, this week, by presenting a handsome stained glass window to the chapel of Cheltenham College, at a cost of about £200.

Duke Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has successfully obtained a decoration for the military rank of ensign in the Prussian work being qualified as "good" by the examiners.

John Butler, aged 62, who had been waiting several years to give evidence at Assize Court, was taken so badly ill, and died almost immediately after leaving the witness' room.

At a Mansion House meeting on Thursday the Archbishop of Canterbury proposed the opening of a Mansion House Fund for the purpose of memorial to the late Bishop Creighton.

**SHO DEATH DUES.**

During the past financial year the National Revenue benefited from the death duties by the substantial sum of £16,020,000. Only three other sources contributed larger amounts, viz., excise, £32,100,000; customs, £23,800,000; and income-tax, £18,750,000.

**OUR SHIPPING OUTPUT.**

The Clyde shipyards turned out in 1893 338 vessels, against 234 in 1892. All the foreign yards (including the Colonial) turned out 1,526 vessels, with an aggregate of 2,389,861 tons, in 1893 against 1,850 vessels, with a tonnage of 2,445,232 in 1892.

**"E.K."**

Parcel vans bearing the letters "E.K." have caused some attention in London. The letters resemble ordinary printed capitals, and offer a striking contrast to the cursive letters "V.R." which usually decorated the parcel vans. Though the parcel post was only instituted in 1883, those vans were rapidly increasing in number and 75,000,000 parcels were delivered in 1890, as against scarcely 3,000,000 in 1883.


**PRAYED FOR THEIR EMPRESS.**

The "Melabar Times," published at Madras, has the following pathetic incident, which took place in the late Queen's Indian subject. Early on the day on which her Majesty died a murderer was to be decapitated on the banks of the River Moasi, when

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**THE LONDON PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION.**

A very interesting display was that of the third annual tournament and competition of the above useful body given at the London Scottish R.N. Drill Hall on Thursday last. The association is made up of the private fire brigades attached to Railways, Clearing House, Marshall Snelgrove



(Ltd.), London General Omnibus, and other large business bodies. There were 14 items on the programme, the most interesting being the "Fire Race," manual drill, and the test of war. The entertainment concluded with a "Fire scene," in which branches of the volunteer service took a share. The Polytechnic band discoursed sweet music during the evening. We suggest that the entertainment could be made more attractive if the proper and legible numbers of the items were shown upon a time board, so that everyone could see the time from all parts of the hall.

**A SINGULAR CASE.**

**A STARTLING SURPRISE FOR A WALLOW.**

**HURDASH.**

James Gwyer, 43, horsekeeper, living in Marsham-st., Walworth, was charged at Lambeth with assaulting his wife, who appeared in court with a confused face.—Prosecutrix alleged that prisoner returned home and thrashed her.—Prisoner, in answer to the charge, declared that upon returning home he found a man in a room with his wife, but prosecutrix assured the magistrate that that was not so.—P.C. Munday said he was his way home off duty when he heard shouts of "murder," and found prosecutrix bleeding from the mouth. When taken into custody prisoner asserted that when he turned home he found a man in a room with his wife. Prosecutrix made reply to that allegation. Accused quite sober, but the woman was under the influence of drink.

**FOR THE DEFENCE.**

A man named Albert Sparks was called, and said he met Mr. Gwyer on the night in question. At her visitation he went home with her, as there was when prisoner returned.

Mr. Hopkins: Why have you come here this morning?—Witness: I have come here for his sake.—Mr. Hopkins: Hadn't you better have stayed away for hers?—Witness: No, I didn't.—Mr. Hopkins: Eliza, did he come to you here?—Witness: He convinced me that he was in the right.

Mr. Hopkins ordered prisoner to pay a fine of 40s., together with 7s. 6d., the doctor's fee.

**COMEDIAN'S NEW ROLE.**

Arthur Roberts, 45, comedian, Market Vale, appeared before Mr. de la Bosc at Marlborough-st. on a summons having been drunk and disorderly. Piccadilly, on Jan. 30.—Mr. Wells, who appeared for the defence, said that Mr. Roberts would plead guilty and was prepared to pay any fine the magistrate might impose.—A constable went into the dock and asked if it was he.—Witness: What time in the morning.—What was he doing?—Witness: He went quietly to the station.—Magistrate: Why in the world did not appear? Defendant did not seem to charge the day following the occurrence.—Constable: He was ill.—Magistrate: (to defendant). It is an example for a respectable-looking man like you to set. There will be a fine of 3s. and 2s. costs.

**NEWSPAPER PRESS FUND.**

In the absence of Lord Glenelg, President, Sir John Willcox, M.P., of the chair yesterday at the annual meeting of this fund, held at the office of Gerrard-st.—In making the adoption of the report—which stated that there were now 1,179 members (117 additional having been added in the 12 months) and that the grants awarded in 1901 amounted to £2,161—the chairman referred to the death of the Queen. His Majesty had, he said, shown sympathetic interest in the journalistic profession, and, moreover, had demonstrated it in a practical manner, making donations to the fund. He referred with satisfaction to the increase in numbers, and as evidence of the healthy condition of the fund mentioned that a new district was formed in the north of England.—A. A. Beckett seconded the adoption of the report, which, after a brief discussion, was agreed to.

**STRANGE AFFAIR AT MAIDENHEAD.**

As a tramp was walking along a main road between Maidenhead and Windsor yesterday afternoon he came upon the body of a young woman lying in the road near Bray Cottage. He raised an alarm, and the body was subsequently identified as that of Alice Bismund, 19, daughter of a farmer in the district. She had been killed by a motor car. She was murdered on the same road some time ago, and whose murderer has not yet been identified.



**His Majesty has this week given a sitting to Mr. G. W. de Saulles, the engraver to the Royal Mint, who is about to design the die for the new coinage. Coin-collectors in especial and the public generally will be much interested in seeing what sort of coins are produced by the new die, which the gradual disposal of all Victorian pieces of money will surely occasion. Of one thing, at any rate, there seems some likelihood, and that is that the very satisfactory**

**ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.** designed by Watteau in 1817, will be retained for the new piece. There are any hope that the ship and lighthouse, which have only disappeared within a very few years from the bronze coinage, will be restored? Time—and the Mint authorities—must be left to tell the tale. It is curious that from 1848 to 1878 no crown pieces were coined, and from 1858 to 1878 the half-crowns were not struck. The facts should be noted by the collector, and by the person who wishes to avoid taking bad money.

**RAT POISON IN TEA.**  
**SERVANTS ALLROUND STRANGER CONDUCT.**  
Frances Merritt, 14, was charged at Winchester with administering poison to several persons. She was employed as a domestic servant by Mr. J. Gogger, farmer, of Longwood Warren, near Winchester. On Wednesday of last week the whole household, including the children, suddenly became ill. After drinking tea made with the water boiled by the girl, who had that morning refused to drink any herself. On the kettle being examined several pieces of suspicious-looking stuff were found in the water, and afterwards the prisoner confessed that she had put rat poison in the water. She told the magistrate that she had been ordered to make herself ill, because she wanted to go home.—Prisoner, who reserved her defence, was committed for trial.

**EXECUTION AT NEWGATE.**  
The first execution during the reign of King Edward VII. took place on Tuesday at Newgate, when Bamson Salmon was hanged for the murder of his cousin, Lucy Smith, at Bow. Salmon had given notice to quit on account of his bad habits. On Dec. 15 he followed the woman into the kitchen and murdered her with a table-knife. Salmon slept fairly well, and offered no resistance to the hangman. He remained gloomy and sullen to the last.

**ARISTOCRATIC HUSBAND.**  
**A WIVES CURIOUS STORY.—BOW-STREET POLICE COURT.**  
Amongst the applicants at Bow-street was a well-dressed young lady, who said she was the wife of the Hon. ——— and wished for a warrant against her husband for threatening to shoot her. "For the past two years, applicant said, I have had to keep my husband in prison, and he has been obliged to supply him with money. He now follows me about with a loaded revolver, and says that unless I get money for him he will shoot me." In reply to Mr. Marsham, applicant said she really went in fear that her husband would carry out his threat. Continuing, she said, "I have to get money for my husband."

**TO KISS HIS QUINCY.**  
He knows perfectly well the disgraceful way in which I am obliged to obtain it, but this makes no difference. About 18 months ago I obtained a position in America, but I was not bringing in sufficient for his needs, and he now threatens to shoot me unless I obtain more for him."—Mr. Marsham informed applicant that if her story were true her husband was guilty of another criminal offence besides his threats to shoot her, and referred her to the Police Court in the jurisdiction of which the alleged offences had been committed.

**MEDALS FOR BRAVE MEN.**  
The Royal Humane Society have awarded the silver medal to Lieut. A. C. Lowry, H.M.S. Empress of India, who picked up a wrecked lifeboat on the Richthofen Island of Aden on Sept. 19 last. Lieut. Lowry previously had the bronze medal and vellum testimonial. The silver medal has also been awarded to A. E. Sparks, petty officer, H.M.S. Terrible, for an act of gallantry off Wei-hai-wei on Oct. 8, when he saved the lives of the crew of a ship foundered in a gale, and was thrown into the water. With one exception all reached the sailing launch. Sparks, seeing this man being swept away, went after him, and after hard struggle brought him back to the launch. There was a tremendous sea running and a rocky lee shore in dangerous proximity. Bronze medallists are—E. J. Crocker, H.M.S. Hood, rescue, Milford Haven; P. C. M. Donald, rescued a boy, Glasgow; Col. Sergt. Simpson, saved a comrade, River; E. D. Webb, rescued would-be suicide, Evesham; W. William saved three boys who fell through ice, Bournemouth; a comrade, Orange River; P. C. Cleverley, rescued a lion, Regent's Canal.

**RECOGNISED BY HIS SON.**  
In a case in Liverpool, yesterday, which a seaman was sentenced for the abduction of his wife and family, the prisoner, who had been in prison through being recognised by his son in the infirmary, where both were patients and occupied adjoining beds, was sentenced to 12 months.

**ENLISTED AT 14.**  
Richard Brickwood, of smart soldierly appearance, was charged at London with being a deserter from the Middlesex Regt., stationed at Woolwich.—Mr. Lane: How old are you? Fourteen.—Mr. Lane: You certainly look older than 14. How did you get into the army? Enlisted at eighteen and said nothing. How old are you really? Fifteen on the 9th of March.—Mr. Lane: It is very odd. Prisoner, who said he deserted because his father had died and he wished to go to the army, was committed to be dealt with by the military authorities.

Whilst digging in the public recreation ground at Faversham a gardener found a tin containing a cheque for £100, and a number of bank orders and some rings and watches. The orders date back 10 years.

This (Sunday) evening there will

**Saturday Afternoon.**

**MONEY.**

The condition of the money market has been throughout the week an irregular one. The desire to take large quantities of goods out of bond in view of the coming Budget proposals has had the effect of making a stringency in the open market, but there is no reason to assume that this will continue for any lengthened period. During the week passed, £1,000,000 of the 3 per cent. received at the bank, and it is expected that there will be a further considerable influx from abroad. The rate for loans till Monday is about 3½ per cent., though some have been done at lower rates. The lowering of the rate by the bank today will have the effect of causing an easier tendency all round. The excellent increase in the reserve will shortly have the effect of lowering the rate of discount in the open market.

**HOME RAIL.**

There has not been much doing in this section during the past week, but several large investment orders have been received from Glasgow, and there is now a tendency on part of the investing public to take an interest in this market. The first issue of capital stock of the Great Eastern Company, to which I have already alluded, has caused a depression in these stocks, and it is highly probable that they will go lower. The rise in Brighton & A's goes steadily on, and there is good reason to suppose that the price will go to a higher level. Six of the public utility stocks, viz. the Hull and Bursley meeting there has been a desire to purchase these shares, and I think that there is likely to be a further rise in them on their intrinsic merits. The new issue made by the Central London is to be a perpetual stock. It is not one which will command much attention, and it will probably rise. There appears to be a demand for districts and the shop is now buying, which means a rise.

**FOREIGN STOCKS.**

The rise which I pointed to has taken place in the Western of Minas Railway, and other Brazilian securities have been fairly strong. There has been some selling by the bears, and the highly probable that there may not only be some difficulty in carrying over, but in delivering the stock. I therefore advise that present holders should retain for higher prices. There has been a good deal of professional buying going on in Argentine, and there is a desire on the part of the Government to keep up prices. This market is held upon its merits, and what the British investor to-day is asking when the various defaulting cities of Argentina are prepared to respect their obligations. When this has been done, the various securities will come into more prominent notice, but till then investors will keep them alone. The rise in Turkish bonds on the increase especially in the case of the No. 1 Group.

**AMERICAN RAIL.**

This market, both in New York and London, has become an unwieldy one. It is now in the hands of a few professional operators, and the speculative market is chosen. London no longer takes the lead, but prefers to take the impetus from New York. At the present moment the principal operators there are over-laden with stock in anticipation of the public taking it off their hands. The public have seen that they have been deceived by certain reported amalgams, and are declining to further follow the market in New York. The decline—a further decline—in price will set in there can be no doubt. The New York Banks are now restricting credits to what may be said an undue extent, but the tendency to a monetary stringency has forced them to do it, and much the same effect in the near future on this market generally.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

There has been continuous buying going on in the case of Allisopps, and in view of some information which has leaked out it seems that it is probable that we shall have higher prices. The decline in Pease and Partners has gone too far. There is no justification for the present low price at which the shares of the London and Brazilian stand, and a few north country banking orders would speedily alter the quotation. The demand for the Johnston Foreign Patents during the week has been a steady one, and in view of the orders which have been secured from the continent there is good reason to assume that we shall have a further rise in them. We have been asked as to the advisability of purchasing Barnard and Bailey shares, and I can only say that those who are not interested may well afford to leave them alone.

**MINE.**

There has been a fair amount of business going on in this section. We thought in the early portion of the week that the discovery of a new boom in Kafra, but it has not yet come off, because the principal buyers here have not come to the support of the market. Germany has, however, been buying, and doubtless not without reason. Those who are anxious to take part in the coming upward movement should select such stocks as East Ham, Handfontains, Modders, and New Prince. The demand for the latter has been exhibited by Johannesburg Consolidated and Henderson's. The usual to stick at the same price put them outside the pale of speculation, however good they may be on their merits. In the Westralian section there is not much doing. The settlement in Kootenays and Roseland is looked forward to with considerable interest. The district which has to be met are being daily arranged, and no trouble is anticipated. Copper shares have been steady, and the inquiry for lower-priced things continues. Great Mount Lyells spurted to 7s. to-day on a favourable call from the mines, and Third Moents are likely to improve in the near future.

**WEST AFRICAN.**

The Colonial Secretary's letter to the Press, in which he states that some cases speculation has been pre-

## STOCK MARKET.

CLOSING SATURDAY.

Consols unchanged. Foreign Government securities generally declined. Home Rents improved. Americans declined. Canadian unaltered. Kalbar advanced. W. Australians declined. Miscellaneous steady. Closing prices:—Consols, 97-18-9-16; ditto Account, 97-1-1-1; 10-12-1-1; 10-12-1-1; 10-12-1-1.

### BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Great Western, 150 3/4	St. Western, 150 3/4
London & North, 150 3/4	London & South, 150 3/4
London & West, 150 3/4	London & East, 150 3/4
London & Great, 150 3/4	London & Central, 150 3/4
London & North, 150 3/4	London & South, 150 3/4
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London & North, 150 3/4	London & South, 150 3/4
London & West, 150 3/4	London & East, 150 3/4
London & Great, 150 3/4	London & Central, 150 3/4

### FOREIGN.

Argentina, 100 3/4	Spain, 100 3/4
Belgium, 100 3/4	Portugal, 100 3/4
Brazil, 100 3/4	Italy, 100 3/4
Canada, 100 3/4	Japan, 100 3/4
China, 100 3/4	India, 100 3/4
France, 100 3/4	Russia, 100 3/4
Germany, 100 3/4	Sweden, 100 3/4
Italy, 100 3/4	Switzerland, 100 3/4
Japan, 100 3/4	U.S.A., 100 3/4
Spain, 100 3/4	U.S.A., 100 3/4
Sweden, 100 3/4	U.S.A., 100 3/4
Switzerland, 100 3/4	U.S.A., 100 3/4
U.S.A., 100 3/4	U.S.A., 100 3/4

### UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.

Atchafalaya, 100 3/4	Rock Island, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	St. Paul, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Union Pacific, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4

### OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

Atchafalaya, 100 3/4	Rock Island, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	St. Paul, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Union Pacific, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4

### MINES AND LANDS.

Atchafalaya, 100 3/4	Rock Island, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	St. Paul, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Union Pacific, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & North, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & West, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
Chicago & Great, 100 3/4	Wabash, 100 3/4
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Only Stocks, Bonds, or shares which were dealt in yesterday are quoted in the above list.

The directors of the Machinery Trust will recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming meeting a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum for the year ending 31st December 1900, payable on 1st April, 1901, making, with the dividends previously paid, a total dividend of 20 per cent. per annum.

### FINANCIAL ANSWERS.

JAS. MORGAN.—You should hold.

ANCHORT.—No.

MEANS.—The settlement is announced next month, when you will be satisfied.

ANCHOR.—I think not. There is no evidence that the new Act has been drafted in the contrary, the prospectus fully proves the contrary.

T. B. S.—I hold. S. The security is a good one, but it may improve. S. Write again regarding the same.

ANCHOR.—Better had all three for the present.

J. FARR.—The shares were all sold when they were 711, so you hesitated in buying. They will go higher.

G. FARR.—You have a good profit, which you can well afford to take.

TABOR.—Do not entertain the idea of selling in the present time.

E. E. G.—Obtain advice as to an investment.

HOWARD MASON.—The Birkenhead is the better of the two.

M. ALDER.—Hold for the present.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' (Pensions) Bill, 1900.

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